

**§ 97.37-1**

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**Subpart 97.37—Markings for Fire and Emergency Equipment, Etc.**

**§ 97.37-1 Application.**

(a) The provisions of this subpart, with the exception of § 97.37-90, shall apply to all vessels contracted for on or after November 19, 1952. Vessels contracted for prior to November 19, 1952, shall meet the requirements of § 97.37-90.

**§ 97.37-3 General.**

(a) It is the intent of this subpart to provide such markings as are necessary for the guidance of the person on board in case of an emergency. In any specific case, and particularly on small vessels, where it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, that the prescribed markings are unnecessary for the guidance of the persons on board in case of emergency, such markings may be modified or omitted.

(b) In addition to English, all state-room notices, directional signs, etc., shall be printed in languages appropriate to the service of the vessel or other action be taken to achieve the same purpose.

(c) Where in this subpart red letters are specified, letters of a contrasting color on a red background will be accepted.

**§ 97.37-5 General alarm bell contact maker.**

Each general alarm contact maker must be marked in accordance with requirements in subchapter J (Electrical Engineering Regulations) of this chapter.

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**§ 97.37-7 General alarm bells.**

(a) All general alarm bells shall be identified by red lettering at least ½ inch high:

“GENERAL ALARM—WHEN BELL RINGS GO TO YOUR STATION.”

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 97.37-9 Carbon dioxide alarm.**

(a) All carbon dioxide alarms shall be conspicuously identified:

“WHEN ALARM SOUNDS—VACATE AT ONCE. CARBON DIOXIDE BEING RELEASED.”

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 97.37-10 Fire extinguishing system branch lines.**

(a) The branch line valves of all fire extinguishing systems shall be plainly and permanently marked indicating the spaces served.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 97.37-13 Fire extinguishing system controls.**

(a) The control cabinets or spaces containing valves or manifolds for the various fire extinguishing systems shall be distinctly marked in conspicuous red letters at least 2 inches high:

“STEAM FIRE APPARATUS,” “CARBON DIOXIDE FIRE APPARATUS,” “FOAM FIRE APPARATUS,” or “WATER SPRAY FIRE APPARATUS” as the case may be.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 97.37-15 Fire hose stations.**

(a) Each fire hydrant shall be identified in red letters and figures at least two inches high “FIRE STATION NO. 1,” “2,” “3,” etc. Where the hose is not stowed in the open or behind glass so as to be readily seen, this identification shall be so placed as to be readily seen from a distance.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 97.37-20 Self-contained breathing apparatus.**

(a) Lockers or spaces containing self-contained breathing apparatus shall be marked “SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.”

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 97.37-23 Hand portable fire extinguishers.**

(a) Each hand portable fire extinguisher shall be marked with a number and the location where stowed shall be marked with a corresponding number at least ½ inch high. Where only one type and size of hand portable fire extinguisher is carried, the numbering may be omitted.

(b) [Reserved]